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
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Chicago     explorechicago.org

2/10-19 Chicago Auto Show
4/27-29 NEXT Art Chicago
6/8-10 Chicago Blues Festival
7/11-15 Taste of Chicago
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8/24-9/3 DuQuoin State Fair

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Effingham..... **visiteffinghamil.com**
8/3-11 Effingham County Fair
9/14-16 Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest

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1/27-29 Galesburg Chocolate Festival
6/23-24 Galesburg Railroad Days
8/17-19 Galesburg Heritage Days

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2/18 Chocolate Fest
5/19-20 Rail Days
5/26 French Market
6/8-9 Art and Garden Street Fair
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Joliet..... **visitjoliet.com**
9/13 Race Fan Rally – downtown
8/4 Kidzfest – downtown
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Kankakee..... **visitkankakeecounty.com**
5/20 Rhubarb Festival
8/1-5 Kankakee County Fair
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Kewanee..... **kewanee-il.com**
8/31-9/3 Hog Days **Good's Furniture**



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La Grange..... **westsuburbanchamber.org**
9/15-16 West End Art Festival

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9/7-8 Balloon Rally
9/28-30 Al Sears Jazz Festival
9/29 Gazebo Art Festival
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Mattoon/Charleston ..... **mattoon.illinois.org**
8/25 Coles County Air Show

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MATTOON
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Mendota..... **mendotachamber.com**
8/9-12 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival
Union Depot Railroad Museum • mendotamuseums.org

Normal/Bloomington ..... **bloomingtonnormalcvb.org**
3/10, 17, 24, 25, 31 American Passion Play
6/28-8/11 Illinois Shakespeare Festival
7/7-8 Sugar Creek Arts Festival




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8/31-9/3 Ribfest
8/31-9/3 Last Fling
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Pontiac ..... **pontiac.org**
5/5-6 Red Carpet Corridor Festival
6/30-7/1 Pre-War Transportation Exhibition
Walldog Mural Museum
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Princeton..... **princeton-il.com**
9/7-9 Homestead Festival
10/13-14 Shadows of the Blue & Gray

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Quad Cities..... **visitquadcities.com**
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8/10-11 Ya Maka My Weekend Caribbean Fest (Rock Island)
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